

**HAND BOY'S LAMENT.**

He describes the Woes of the Native Hand in a Missouri Paper.

In a late number of the Kansas City World, under a double column heading, appears the "Story of the Royal Hawaiian Band," written by L. M. Halekoko, a member of the band. It is very well composed, being clear and correct in diction. The introduction is as follows:

"In the good old days under Kamehameha V., the days that the people in power at the present time are pleased to term 'the days when barbarism and ignorance reigned supreme,' in those good old days there was a law, which compelled all natives to keep their children in school until they had finished the public school course, nearly the equivalent of a high school course in this country. Providing the parents could not afford the necessary expense attached to the schooling, or in case the children were refractory and could not be kept at their studies, the 'barbarous' government took charge of them and they were placed in a kind of reformatory school until they came of age. In this government school most of the members of the Royal Hawaiian band received their education."

Then follows a detailed history of the band from its inception in 1866. The writer next bitterly relates the treatment accorded the native musicians by the present government, and concludes his history in the following strain:

"It seems that our chief faults in bygone days were hospitality, generosity, and peacefulness; because of these qualities we have been robbed of our homes, our liberty and our country, by the voracious foreigner. Cast adrift from the land of our birth, we are forced to seek our subsistence in a strange land, where the people are kinder than those whom we succeeded, clothed and fed in the past; and who, after growing fat upon our bounty, have retaliated by gradually assuming our ancient prerogatives as their own, and, to make their happiness complete, they have added the last bitter drop of gall to our chalice, by robbing us of our sole remaining joy—our flag."

**THEY ARE ORGANIZED.**

Tennis Clubs of This City Form An Association.

The various tennis clubs of the city sent delegates to a meeting held at the offices of the Safe Deposit Company yesterday afternoon which resulted in the formation of a permanent tennis association. The following officers and committees were elected to serve for the first year: Geo C Potter, president; Professor French of Punahou College, vice-president; L de L Ward, secretary and treasurer; E Ross, Clifton Tracy and Dr Nichols, committee on constitution and by-laws; E A Jones, C H Atherton and J Q Wood, committee on tournament. One of the objects of the forming of the association is to encourage the formation of tennis clubs on the other islands, where there are a number of good players.

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